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SUBJ: PRESS ON U.S. JOINT RESOLUTION ON POPPY BAN

REF: ANKARA 3599

1. MAY 11 PRESS PLAY CONTINUES LOW ON PROPOSED JOINT CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION DENYING TURKEY U.S. AID IF POPPY PLANTING RESUMED, WITH EDITORIAL COMMENT ENTIRELY LACKING. MAY 12 AND 13 PAPERS AS WELL AS RADIO AND TV IGNORE THE STORY COMPLETELY.

2. ONLY MAY 11 DAILY TO PICK UP STORY IS ISTANBUL'S TERCUMAN (340,000) WHICH MISSED IT ON MAY 10. TERCUMAN'S ITEM IDENTICAL TO THAT IN ANKARA'S DAILY BARIS ON MAY 10, WHICH THUS FAR LONGEST STORY ON SUBJECT IN PRESS (FULL TEXT IN REFTEL.)

3. OTHER MAJOR DAILIES ADD NOTHING TO THEIR SHORTER MAY 10 COVERAGE THIS SUBJECT.

4. MAY 10 EVENING TV NEWS CARRIED SHORTER VERSION BARIS'S PIECE.

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5. MILLIYET ON MAY 11 AND EVENING RADIO AND TV NEWS

ON MAY 10 OFFER IDENTICAL SUMMARY STEVE ROBERTS PIECE IN
MAY 8 NY TIMES. TIMES QUOTED PREDICTING
THAT TURKS WILL RESIST US PRESSURE AND WILL RESUME PLANTING.
FONMIN GUNES QUOTED SAYING IN TIMES THAT "TURKEY WILL MAKE
THIS DECISION ON ITS OWN" AND THAT RECEIVING AID FROM US
IN RETURN FOR BAN DETRIMENTAL TURKISH NATIONAL DIGNITY.
TIMES QUOTED EXPRESSING VIEW THAT U.S. AID WILL NOT
INFLUENCE TURKISH DECISION, AND U.S. "WRONG" TO USE AID
AS PRESSURE POINT.

6. IN RELATED STORY, ISTANBUL'S YENI ORTAM (15,000) IN
ANKARA DATE-LINED, UNATTRIBUTED STORY, SAYS 1,000 FARMERS
HAVE CONTRIBUTED 1,000 TL EACH TO A FUND TO ESTABLISH
ALKALOID FACTORY TO PROCESS OPIUM POPPY. FACTORY WOULD
PRODUCE PHARMACEUTICALS, AND ALSO PROCESS POPPY PLANT FOR
OIL AND OIL CAKE FROM THE STALK. TO FORESTALL "CAPITALIST
CONTROL", CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE 1,000 TL MINIMUM AND 5,000 TL
MAXIMUM.
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